

REMARKS

Claims 11-13, 16-18, 21-23, 25-26, and 29-40 were previously pending in this application. The Office withdrew claims 21-23, 25-26, and 35-40 from examination.

Applicants hereby amend claims 11-13, 16-18, 29-30, and 32-33, and also cancel the withdrawn claims 21-23, 25-26, and 35-40 without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 11-13, 16-18, and 29-34 are now pending.

The present amendments are merely drawn to matters of form and expression, and do not alter the scope of the pending claims. For example, one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that "immobilized by adsorption on a carrier" is simply another way to state "adsorbed on a carrier" because adsorption results in immobilization. Further, one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that a "porous inorganic carrier" is equivalent in scope to a "carrier comprising a porous inorganic material."

The instant amendments are supported throughout the application, for example, at page 1, last full paragraph, and at page 2, last two lines. These amendments do not present new matter or require a further search of the art because they simply re-phrase certain terms. See M.P.E.P. § 2163.07(I). Applicants respectfully request the entry of the amendments and the allowance of pending claims 11-13, 16-18, and 29-34.

Finally, Applicants thank Examiner Marx for the helpful telephone discussion regarding the instant claim amendments.

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